GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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DISRUPTION IN SUPPLY OF GAS TO POWER STATIONS INDUSTRIAL UNITS IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that gas supply to atleast two power stations and several industrial units in Gujarat was disrupted recently following a fire in the ONGC`s Oil field in Gandhar;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry have been constituted; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith losses suffered as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c): Government is aware that there was a fire incident at well No. G-345 of Gandhar field on 30th October, 2001. ONGC have informed that the incident has however, not affected the gas supply position to power stations and industrial units. The Government has ordered an inquiry on 16.11.01 to find out the details of theft and fire by a Committee of Experts headed by Major General (Retired) S.C.N. Jatar, former Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of ONGC Videsh Ltd. and former CMD of Oil India Ltd. loss due to oil and gas burnt during the fire has been estimated as Rs. 12.50 Lakhs per day. The total loss, including expenditure incurred in controlling the fire and reviving the well is estimated to be around Rs. 5 Crores.